

[00184] **ABSTRACT**

[00185] A Straight-Through-Processing (STP) trading platform provides a fully
electronic and seamless solution to all substantially aspects of the trading cycle for fixed income
instruments and other financial instruments. In an exemplary embodiment, all participants to a
5 trade transaction have access to computer software that facilitates trade order management, trade
order generation, trade execution (including electronic axes), trade allocation, allocation
acknowledgement, trade confirmation, and finally acquisition of settlement instructions. In said
exemplary embodiment, the STP trading platform includes computer software modules including
at least an account management module and an electronic trading module to handle the various
10 stages of executing a trade, confirming the trade, and facilitating settlement of the trade.